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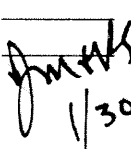
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**STRUM, Wis. (WEAU)** - With class back in session throughout the state Wednesday, a lawmaker said she's looking to improve education by keeping teachers in small towns.

A bill being drafted would award up to \$10,000 toward student loan repayment for new teachers to stay in rural areas.

"A larger district will have a higher beginning salary than a small district like (Eleva Strum), I know Eau Claire does, Menomonie is probably about \$3,000 or \$4,000 more for beginning salaries, so the first place teachers are going to look is probably with that higher salary area," Eleva Strum Superintendent Craig Semingson said.

With a smaller tax base and lower enrollments, Rep. Mandy Wright (D) said rural schools see their own set of financial challenges.

"Our rural districts just don't have the resources to really compete so they are really struggling to keep high quality staff, then attracting and filling those positions once they leave them," Wright said.

Wright said she's making efforts to attract teachers to rural areas by drafting a bill that would reward them for staying in smaller districts.

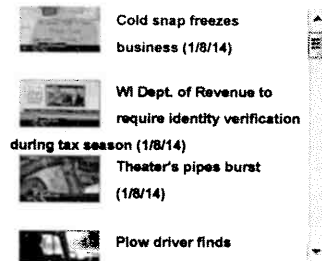
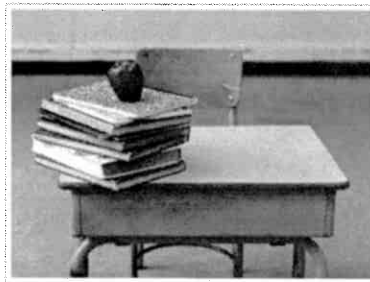
Semingson said retaining teachers here hasn't been a major issue but it is a problem for many rural schools.

"It's the high needs areas that we have a difficulty retaining. We've lost four or five special ed. teachers to Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls or Menomonie, in the past few years. So that's an area of concern," he said.

The bill is a welcomed idea by Semingson who said teaching at small schools has its own set of benefits like smaller class sizes and closer relationships with families.

"So I do appreciate this being brought up. I hope it's looked at seriously by the legislature and hopefully something will come out of it where beginning teachers will look at smaller districts first."

Rural school districts are defined as having ten students or less per square mile. The program would offer \$660,000 statewide. Wright said the bill hasn't been finalized, but she hoped it could be voted on during the current session.



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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- 1 **AN ACT** ...; relating to: creation of a grant program for newly hired teachers
- 2 employed by small, sparsely populated school districts, granting rule-making
- 3 authority, and making an appropriation.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers various financial assistance programs to assist teachers. Those programs include programs under which HEAB provides loans to college students and then forgives a certain amount of those loans after the loan recipient has been employed as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools, as a teacher of visually impaired pupils or as an orientation and mobility instructor in this state, or as a teacher in a school district in this state in which minority students constitute at least 29 percent of the membership of the school district.

This bill creates a rural teacher grant program (grant program), to be administered by HEAB, to encourage eligible teachers, as defined in the bill, to teach in schools operated by eligible school districts, as defined in the bill. Under the bill:

1. An "eligible school district" is a school district that was eligible for sparsity aid from the Department of Public Instruction in either of the two school years preceding the school year for which a grant is awarded to an eligible teacher under the grant program. Under current law, a school district is eligible sparsity aid in a school year if a) the school district's membership in the previous school year was no more than 725; b) at least 20 percent of the school district's membership in the previous school year was eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under the federal School Lunch Program; and c) the school district's membership in the previous school year divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than 10.

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2. An "eligible teacher" is a teacher who teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district and who applies for participation in the grant program during the first school year in which he or she is a teacher in such a school.

The bill appropriates ~~\$630,000~~ <sup>\$660,000</sup> for the grant program and requires HEAB, from that appropriation, to grant financial assistance to an eligible teacher who applies for participation in the grant program before the end of the first school year in which he or she is a teacher in a school operated by an eligible school district and who submits a claim for that financial assistance after each year in which the eligible teacher teaches in such a school. The claim must 1) include the signature of the eligible teacher and of a representative of the school district employing the eligible teacher certifying that during the period for which financial assistance is claimed the school district was an eligible school district and the eligible teacher taught in a school operated by that eligible school district; and 2) provide such other information as HEAB may require by rule to verify the claimant's eligibility for financial assistance.

The maximum amount of financial assistance that an eligible teacher may receive under the grant program is \$1,000 for the first school year, \$2,000 for the <sup>(2nd)</sup> school year, \$2,000 for the <sup>(3rd)</sup> school year, \$2,000 for the <sup>(4th)</sup> school year, and \$3,000 for the <sup>(5th)</sup> school year in which the eligible teacher teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district. An eligible teacher may receive financial assistance under the grant program for no more than five school years.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2           the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2013-14	2014-15
3		
4   ✓ <b>20.235 Higher educational aids board</b>		
5   ✓ (1)   STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES		
6   ✓ (fr)   Rural teacher grant program      GPR      C	-0-	660,000

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

8           20.235 (1) (fr) *Rural teacher grant program*. As a continuing appropriation, the  
9           amounts in the schedule for the rural teacher grant program under s. 39.387. ✓

1       **SECTION 3.** 20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes, as created by this act, is amended to  
2 read:

3       20.235 (1) (fr) *Rural teacher grant program.* ~~As a continuing appropriation,~~  
4 Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the rural teacher grant program under  
5 s. 39.387.

6       **SECTION 4.** 39.387 of the statutes is created to read:

7       **39.387 Rural teacher grant program.** (1) **DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

8       (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district that was eligible for sparsity  
9 aid under s. 115.436<sup>✓</sup> in either of the 2 school years preceding the school year for which  
10 a grant is awarded to an eligible teacher under sub. (4).<sup>✓</sup>

11       (b) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher <sup>who</sup> ~~that~~ meets the eligibility requirements  
12 specified in sub. (3).

13       **(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.** There is established, to be administered by the  
14 board, a rural teacher grant program to encourage eligible teachers to teach in  
15 schools operated by eligible school districts by providing grants of financial  
16 assistance to those eligible teachers as provided in sub. (4).

17       **(3) ELIGIBILITY.** A teacher is eligible for financial assistance as provided under  
18 sub. (4) if the teacher meets all of the following requirements:

19       (a) He or she teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district.

20       (b) He or she applies for participation in the program during the first school  
21 year in which he or she is a teacher in a school operated by an eligible school district.

22       (c) He or she does not appear on the statewide support lien docket under s.  
23 49.854 (2) (b),<sup>✓</sup> unless the teacher provides to the board a payment agreement that has  
24 been approved by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5)<sup>✓</sup> and that is  
25 consistent with rules promulgated under s. 49.858 (2) (a).<sup>✓</sup>

## SECTION 4

1 (4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fr), ✓  
2 the board shall grant financial assistance to eligible teachers who apply for  
3 participation in the grant program as provided in par. (b) and who submit claims for  
4 that financial assistance as provided in par. (c). The maximum amount of financial  
5 assistance that an eligible teacher may receive under this subsection is \$1,000 for the  
6 <sup>STEP</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>1st</sup> school year, \$2,000 for the 2nd school year, \$2,000 for the 3rd school year, \$2,000  
7 for the 4th school year, and \$3,000 for the 5th school year in which the eligible teacher  
8 teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district. An eligible teacher may  
9 receive financial assistance under this subsection <sup>paragraph</sup> for no more than 5 school years.  
10 The board may provide financial assistance on a prorated basis to an eligible teacher  
11 who is employed less than full time.

12 (b) An eligible teacher may apply for participation in the grant program by  
13 submitting an application to the board in a form prescribed by the board. An eligible  
14 teacher must submit that application before the end of the first school year in which  
15 he or she is a teacher in a school operated by an eligible school district. The  
16 application shall include such information as the board may require to establish that  
17 the school district employing the applicant is an eligible school district and that the  
18 applicant is an eligible teacher and shall provide any other information the board  
19 may require by rule promulgated under sub. (5). ✓

20 (c) After each year in which an eligible teacher who has been accepted for  
21 participation in the grant program teaches in a school operated by an eligible school  
22 district, the eligible teacher may submit to the board a claim for financial assistance.  
23 The claim shall include the signature of the eligible teacher and of a representative  
24 of the school district employing the eligible teacher certifying that during the period  
25 for which financial assistance is claimed the school district was an eligible school

1 district and the eligible teacher taught in a school operated by that eligible school  
2 district and shall provide such other information as the board may require by rule  
3 promulgated under sub. (5) <sup>✓</sup> to verify the claimant's eligibility for financial  
4 assistance.

5 (d) If the board determines that a claimant under par. (c) is eligible to receive  
6 financial assistance under this subsection, the board shall provide that assistance,  
7 subject to the amounts available in the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (fr).  
8 If the amount of financial assistance claimed in a fiscal year exceeds the amounts  
9 available in that appropriation account, the board shall prorate the financial  
10 assistance paid in that fiscal year in the proportion that the amounts available bear  
11 to the total amount of financial assistance payable in that fiscal year.

12 (5) RULES. The board shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this  
13 section. Those rules shall include rules specifying the information a teacher must  
14 include in an application for participation in the grant program under sub. (4) (b) <sup>✓</sup> and  
15 in a claim for financial assistance under sub (4) (c). <sup>✓</sup>

16 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

17 (1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM. This act first applies to an eligible teacher,  
18 as defined in section 39.387 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act, who teaches  
19 in a school operated by an eligible school district, as defined in section 39.387 (1) (a)  
20 of the statutes, as created by this act, in the 2015-<sup>er</sup>~~2016~~ school year.

21 **SECTION 6. Effective dates.** This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
22 except as follows:

23 (1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION. The amendment of section <sup>er. HEDMAN</sup> ~~314~~  
24 20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2015. <sub>§ § § § § § § §</sub>

25 (END)

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1/2 instructions

① Delete sparsity and eligibility requirement & simply require a school district to have less than 10 pupils per square mile.

② Limit grants to 4 teachers per school district

③ Permit veteran, as well as new, teachers to participate in the program



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For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

No more than four eligible teachers employed by a given eligible school district may participate in the grant program in a given school year.

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(a) "Eligible school district" means a school district ~~that was eligible for sparsity aid under s. 115.436 in either of the 2 school years preceding the school year for which a grant is awarded to an eligible teacher under sub. (4).~~

(b) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher who meets the eligibility requirements specified in sub. (3).

(2) **ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.** There is established, to be administered by the board, a rural teacher grant program to encourage eligible teachers to teach in schools operated by eligible school districts by providing grants of financial assistance to those eligible teachers as provided in sub. (4).

(3) **ELIGIBILITY.** A teacher is eligible for financial assistance as provided under sub. (4) if the teacher meets all of the following requirements:

(a) He or she teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district. ✓

~~(b) He or she applies for participation in the program during the first school year in which he or she is a teacher in a school operated by an eligible school district.~~

(b) He or she does not appear on the statewide support lien docket under s. 49.854 (2) (b), unless the teacher provides to the board a payment agreement that has

1 been approved by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that is  
 2 consistent with rules promulgated under s. 49.858 (2) (a).

3 (4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fr),  
 4 the board shall grant financial assistance to eligible teachers ~~who apply~~ for  
 5 participation in the grant program as provided in par. (b) and who submit claims for  
 6 that financial assistance as provided in par. (c). The maximum amount of financial  
 7 assistance that an eligible teacher may receive under this subsection is \$1,000 for the  
 8 first school year, \$2,000 for the 2nd school year, \$2,000 for the 3rd school year, \$2,000  
 9 for the 4th school year, and \$3,000 for the 5th school year in which the eligible teacher  
 10 ~~teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district~~ <sup>participates in the grant program</sup>. An eligible teacher may  
 11 receive financial assistance under this subsection for no more than 5 school years.

12 The board may provide financial assistance on a prorated basis to an eligible teacher  
 13 who is employed less than full time.

14 <sup>stet</sup> (b) ~~An eligible teacher may apply~~ <sup>that nomination</sup> for participation in the grant program by  
 15 ~~submitting an application~~ to the board in a form prescribed by the board. ~~An eligible~~  
 16 ~~teacher must submit that application before the end of the first school year in which~~  
 17 ~~he or she is a teacher in a school operated by an eligible school district~~. The

18 ~~application~~ shall include such information as the board may require to establish that  
 19 the school district employing the ~~applicant~~ <sup>teacher</sup> is an eligible school district and that the  
 20 ~~applicant~~ <sup>teacher</sup> is an eligible teacher and shall provide any other information the board  
 21 may require by rule promulgated under sub. (5).

22 (c) After each year in which an eligible teacher who has been accepted for  
 23 participation in the grant program teaches in a school operated by an eligible school  
 24 district, the eligible teacher may submit to the board a claim for financial assistance.

25 The claim shall include the signature of the eligible teacher and of a representative

~~No~~ <sup>A given</sup> more than 4 eligible teachers employed by ~~an~~ <sup>given</sup> eligible school district  
 may participate in the grant <sup>in a school year</sup>. <sup>the nomination</sup>  
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1 of the school district employing the eligible teacher certifying that during the period  
2 for which financial assistance is claimed the school district was an eligible school  
3 district and the eligible teacher taught in a school operated by that eligible school  
4 district and shall provide such other information as the board may require by rule  
5 promulgated under sub. (5) to verify the claimant's eligibility for financial  
6 assistance.

7 (d) If the board determines that a claimant under par. (c) is eligible to receive  
8 financial assistance under this subsection, the board shall provide that assistance,  
9 subject to the amounts available in the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (fr).  
10 If the amount of financial assistance claimed in a fiscal year exceeds the amounts  
11 available in that appropriation account, the board shall prorate the financial  
12 assistance paid in that fiscal year in the proportion that the amounts available bear  
13 to the total amount of financial assistance payable in that fiscal year.

14 (5) RULES. The board shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this  
15 section. Those rules shall include rules specifying the information a <sup>school district</sup> teacher must  
16 include in <sup>a nomination</sup> an application for participation in the grant program under sub. (4) (b) and  
17 in a claim for financial assistance under sub (4) (c).

#### 18 SECTION 5. Initial applicability.

19 (1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM. This act first applies to an eligible teacher,  
20 as defined in section 39.387 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act, who teaches  
21 in a school operated by an eligible school district, as defined in section 39.387 (1) (a)  
22 of the statutes, as created by this act, in the 2015-16 school year.

23 SECTION 6. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication,  
24 except as follows:

1 (1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION. The amendment of section  
2 20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2015.

3 (END)

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- delete dollar amount

- require teacher to use grant

- to repay student loans





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1 AN ACT *to amend* 20.235 (1) (fr); and *to create* 20.235 (1) (fr) and 39.387 of the  
2 statutes; **relating to:** creation of a grant program for teachers employed by  
3 sparsely populated school districts, granting rule-making authority, ~~and~~  
4 ~~making an appropriation.~~

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers various financial assistance programs to assist teachers. Those programs include programs under which HEAB provides loans to college students and then forgives a certain amount of those loans after the loan recipient has been employed as a teacher in the Milwaukee Public Schools, as a teacher of visually impaired pupils or as an orientation and mobility instructor in this state, or as a teacher in a school district in this state in which minority students constitute at least 29 percent of the membership of the school district.

This bill creates a rural teacher grant program (grant program), to be administered by HEAB, to encourage eligible teachers, as defined in the bill, to teach in schools operated by eligible school districts, as defined in the bill. Under the bill, 1) an "eligible school district" is a school district whose membership in the school year preceding the school year for which a grant is awarded under the grant program divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than ten; and 2) an "eligible teacher" is a teacher who teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district.

The bill appropriates \$660,000 for the grant program and requires HEAB, from that appropriation, to grant financial assistance to an eligible teacher who is

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<sup>a commitment by the eligible teacher that he or she</sup>  
will use the financial assistance to repay student loans incurred to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for programs of study relating to the nominated by his or her school district for participation in the grant program and who submits a claim for that financial assistance after each year in which the eligible teacher teaches in such a school. The claim must 1) include the signature of the eligible teacher and of a representative of the school district employing the eligible teacher certifying that during the period for which financial assistance is claimed the school district was an eligible school district and the eligible teacher taught in a school operated by that eligible school district; <sup>teaching professions and 2)</sup> and 2) provide such other information as HEAB may require by rule to verify the claimant's eligibility for financial assistance.

The maximum amount of financial assistance that an eligible teacher may receive under the grant program is \$1,000 for the first school year, \$2,000 for the second school year, \$2,000 for the third school year, \$2,000 for the fourth school year, and \$3,000 for the fifth school year in which the eligible teacher participates in the grant program. An eligible teacher may receive financial assistance under the grant program for no more than five school years. No more than four eligible teachers employed by a given eligible school district may participate in the grant program in a given school year.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	2013-14	2014-15
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**20.235 Higher educational aids board**

(1) STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

(fr) Rural teacher grant program	GPR	-0-	660,000
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SECTION 2. 20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes is created to read:

20.235 (1) (fr) *Rural teacher grant program.* <sup>B</sup> <sup>-0-</sup> <sup>Biennially</sup> As a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for the rural teacher grant program under s. 39.387.

SECTION 3. ~~20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes, as created by this act, is amended to read:~~

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1       20.235 (1) (fr) *Rural teacher grant program*. ~~As a continuing appropriation,~~  
2       Biennially, the amounts in the schedule for the rural teacher grant program under  
3       s. 39.387.

4       **SECTION 4.** 39.387 of the statutes is created to read:

5       **39.387 Rural teacher grant program. (1) DEFINITIONS.** In this section:

6       (a) "Eligible school district" means a school district whose membership in the  
7       school year preceding the school year for which a grant is awarded to an eligible  
8       teacher under sub. (4) divided by the school district's area in square miles is less than  
9       10.

10       (b) "Eligible teacher" means a teacher who meets the eligibility requirements  
11       specified in sub. (3).

12       **(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.** There is established, to be administered by the  
13       board, a rural teacher grant program to encourage eligible teachers to teach in  
14       schools operated by eligible school districts by providing grants of financial  
15       assistance to those eligible teachers as provided in sub. (4).

16       **(3) ELIGIBILITY.** A teacher is eligible for financial assistance as provided under  
17       sub. (4) if the teacher meets all of the following requirements:

18       (a) He or she teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district.

19       (b) He or she does not appear on the statewide support lien docket under s.  
20       49.854 (2) (b), unless the teacher provides to the board a payment agreement that has  
21       been approved by the county child support agency under s. 59.53 (5) and that is  
22       consistent with rules promulgated under s. 49.858 (2) (a).

23       **(4) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.** (a) From the appropriation under s. 20.235 (1) (fr),  
24       the board shall grant financial assistance to eligible teachers who are nominated by  
25       their school districts for participation in the grant program as provided in par. (b) and

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financial assistance <sup>only</sup> for the purpose of repaying student loans incurred to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for programs who submit claims for that financial assistance as provided in par. (c). The maximum amount of financial assistance that an eligible teacher may receive under this subsection is \$1,000 for the first school year, \$2,000 for the 2nd school year, \$2,000 for the 3rd school year, \$2,000 for the 4th school year, and \$3,000 for the 5th school year in which the eligible teacher participates in the grant program. An eligible teacher may receive financial assistance under this subsection for no more than 5 school years. The board may provide financial assistance on a prorated basis to an eligible teacher who is employed less than full time.

(b) An eligible school district may nominate an eligible teacher for participation in the grant program by submitting that nomination to the board in a form prescribed by the board. No more than 4 eligible teachers employed by a given eligible school district may participate in the grant program in a given school year. The nomination shall include such information as the board may require to establish that the school district employing the teacher is an eligible school district and that the teacher is an eligible teacher and shall provide any other information the board may require by rule promulgated under sub. (5).

(c) After each year in which an eligible teacher who has been accepted for participation in the grant program teaches in a school operated by an eligible school district, the eligible teacher may submit to the board a claim for financial assistance. The claim shall include the signature of the eligible teacher and of a representative of the school district employing the eligible teacher certifying that during the period for which financial assistance is claimed the school district was an eligible school district and the eligible teacher taught in a school operated by that eligible school district, and shall provide such other information as the board may require by rule

It shall include a commitment by the eligible teacher that he or she will use the financial assistance to repay student loans incurred to defray the cost of tuition, fees, and expenses for programs of study relating to the teaching profession.

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1 promulgated under sub. (5) to verify the claimant's eligibility for financial  
2 assistance.

3 (d) If the board determines that a claimant under par. (c) is eligible to receive  
4 financial assistance under this subsection, the board shall provide that assistance,  
5 subject to the amounts available in the appropriation account under s. 20.235 (1) (fr).  
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8 assistance paid in that fiscal year in the proportion that the amounts available bear  
9 to the total amount of financial assistance payable in that fiscal year.

10 (5) RULES. The board shall promulgate rules to implement and administer this  
11 section. Those rules shall include rules specifying the information a school district  
12 must include in a nomination for participation in the grant program under sub. (4)  
13 (b) and in a claim for financial assistance under sub. (4) (c).  
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14 **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

15 (1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM. This act first applies to an eligible teacher,  
16 as defined in section 39.387 (1) (b) of the statutes, as created by this act, who teaches  
17 in a school operated by an eligible school district, as defined in section 39.387 (1) (a)  
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19 ~~SECTION 6. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication,~~  
20 ~~except as follows:~~

21 ~~(1) RURAL TEACHER GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION. The amendment of section~~  
22 ~~20.235 (1) (fr) of the statutes takes effect on July 1, 2015.~~

23 (END)

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